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1. Amended independent claims 10, 19, and 22 and newly submitted independent claims 23 and 24 are directed to inventions that are independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The invention as previously examined is drawn to an intermediate product (i.e., laminate cover), while the current claims are drawn to a final product (i.e., system) and a method of using the intermediate product.
2. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 10-12, 15-17, 19, and 22-24 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.
3. All of the pending claims are now withdrawn as non-elected. Hence, the reply filed on 05/15/07 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
4. Additionally, it is noted that the amendment filed 05/15/07 is non-compliant according to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, the claim identifier for claim 12 is listed as "original," but the claim appears to be "currently amended."
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Juska whose telephone number is 571-272-1477. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached at 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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